

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD (MCHAB)

July 6, 2007

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Terrence McGaw, MD, Chairperson
Senator Maggie Carlton, Vice-chairperson
Tyree Davis, DDS, Nevada Health Centers Inc. (NHC)
Lou Palma, Child Haven Manager, Clark County Department of Family Services (DFS)
Jeffrey Wrightson, MD, University Medical Center (UMC)
T.J. Rosenberg, Nevada Parents Encouraging Parents (NV PEP)
Raquel Knecht, Nevada Hispanic Services Carson City (NHSCC)
Michelle Kling, RN, MS, Washoe County District Health Department (WCDHD)
Beverly Neyland, MD, University of Nevada School of Medicine (UNSOM)
Bonnie Sorenson, RN, BSN, Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Assemblywoman Peggy Pierce

NEVADA STATE HEALTH DIVISION STAFF PRESENT

Judith Wright, Chief, Bureau of Family Health Services (BFHS)
Jo Malay, Health Program Specialist (HPS) 2, BFHS
Kyle Devine, HPS 2, BFHS
Margie Franzen-Weiss, HPS 1, BFHS
Tami Smith, Administrative Assistant (AA) 4, BFHS

OTHERS PRESENT

Linda Yi, Director, UMC
Darlene Amarie-Hahn, Management Analyst 3, Nevada Check Up, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP)
Marti Cote, Social Services Program Specialist (SSPS) 3, DHCFP
Lisa Pacheco, Assistant Clinical Manager, UMC
Melissa Krall, Maternal Child Health Coalition of Northern Nevada (MCHCNN)
Angela Berg, RN, Southern Nevada Immunization Coalition (SNIC)
Veronica Nichols, Public Health Nurse (PHN) Manager, Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD)

CALL TO ORDER

Terrence McGaw called to order the Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board (MCHAB) meeting at **9:45 a.m.** videoconferenced from the Sierra Regional Center (SRC), Sparks, and the Desert Regional Center (DRC), Las Vegas. This was a public meeting and the public was invited to make comments. In accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law, this meeting was posted at the following locations: Bureau of Family Health Services (BFHS), Carson City; Nevada State Health Division, Carson City; Nevada State Library and Archives, Carson City; Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD), Las Vegas; Elko County Library, Elko; SRC, Sparks; DRC, Las Vegas and the Nevada State Health Division (NSHD) website at <http://health.nv.gov>.

Introductions were made around the table.

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 4, 2007 MINUTES

Michelle Kling addressed changes to page 2, agenda item 5 which states “offers site into” to read “offers insight into.” Tyree Davis motioned to approve with the changes; and Dr. Beverly Neyland seconded. **MOTION APPROVED**

UPDATE ON MEDICAID MANAGED CARE INCLUDING MANAGED CARE OUTCOMES FOR PREGANANT WOMEN AND CHANGES TO BUDGET

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UPDATE ON NEVADA CHECK UP

Darlene Amarie-Hahn reviewed State Fiscal Year 2007 report regarding Nevada Check Up and Health Insurance Flexibility and Accountability (HIFA) waiver. She stated as of June 2007 Nevada Check Up’s case load was 29,977 participants, increasing 2,000 children for the year, and monthly applications have increased to 2,120. The HIFA waiver program participant count as of June 31, 2007 was 83. Ms. Amarie-Hahn stated prior month eligibility is above average for June 2007 at 103. As of May 2007, 10 babies were referred to Nevada Check Up, 5 were enrolled to Nevada Check Up, 2 to Medicaid, one out-of-state, one over income and one pending. Ms. Amarie-Hahn stated Assembly Bill 629 allocated funds for outreach for enrollment of the uninsured in health care coverage and to publicize the program. Senator Maggie Carlton asked questions regarding a merger between United Health Care and Sierra Health Services Inc. (SHSI) with combination in southern Nevada which would carry Medicaid clients and the impact that may have. Dr. McGaw requested a written update and agenda item placed for the next meeting regarding the merger.

REPORT ON THE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CAMPAIGN IN CLARK COUNTY

Linda Yi stated all programs through the Family Resource Center (FRC) at University Medical Center (UMC) which is the center for all their programs are free of charge. Ms. Yi reviewed the history of Baby Steps and programs offered including contract requirements, materials, parent education, prenatal to senior program and babysitting classes. She stated more than 3,000 clients were taken into the center for the month of June 2007, which is an all time high. The FRC would like to honor the physicians including Dr. Jeffery Wrightson and a handful of other physicians who accept 10 new patients a month disregarding payment. Ms. Yi reviewed a presentation on Early Access to Prenatal Care highlighting pregnancy planning and classes, modification of behavior, populations of pregnant women, materials available to patients, rotations in local hospitals and phone calls for follow-up, compliance requirements and statistics on clients, visits and births. Ms. Yi mentioned incorporating a postpartum screening and breastfeeding screening at 6 and 12 months. Ms. Yi stated car seat safety instruction is available through the program averaging 10 car seat installations per day. Dr. Wrightson reviewed changes to the program regarding delivery physicians and residencies which carry a load of 95% of deliveries. Dr. Wrightson suggested the development of an ongoing mechanism of constant providers, utilizing nurse midwives and recruitment of providers. Dr. McGaw requested placing an agenda item for discussion on a letter of support for UMC for the next meeting.

AT 10:00 A.M. THE MCHAB MEETING WILL BE CLOSED AND THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE NEVADA MCH BLOCK GRANT FOR FY 08 AND ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2006 WILL BE HELD. THE MCHAB MEETING WILL RESUME AT ITS CONCLUSION

Ms. Wright reviewed the presentation regarding the Block Grant. The MCH pyramid focuses on direct services, enabling services, population based services and infrastructure services moving away from direct services since 1989 focusing on enabling services including transportation and

translation; population based services including newborn screening and oral health; and infrastructure services including surveillance, injury prevention and oral health. Ms. Wright reviewed the history of the Block Grant beginning in 1912 funded by the Children's Bureau. She stated the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) 1989 changed Medicaid's EPSDT, and requires spending 30% on CSHCN, 30% on Child and Adolescence, 10% Administrative and the remaining on women and infants. Ms. Wright reviewed the Title 5 Block Grant's performance measures. She said Title 5 mandates conduction of a needs assessment, with the next one due July 15, 2010. Ms. Wright reviewed programs housed at the Bureau of Family Health Services (BFHS) including the MCH campaign, Information Referral Line (IRL), Perinatal Substance Abuse Prevention (PSAP), Injury/Rape Prevention, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), Teen Pregnancy Prevention, Early Child Birth, Birth-5, Childhood 6-10, Teen Health Clinics, Governor's Youth Advisory Council, CSHCN program, Newborn Screening, Newborn Hearing Screening, Nevada Birth Outcomes Monitoring System (NVBOM), CSHCN Systems Change, Primary Care Development Center (PCDC), Oral Health, Child Abuse Prevention and WIC at 51,000 participants per month. Ms. Wright highlighted the 2006 Annual Report. She stated 98.1 % of newborns were screened for Newborn Screening, 96.7% low birth weight infants delivered at facilities which considered high risk infants, 26.3% per 1,000 teen pregnancy rate, 41% of third graders received sealants, 23% of woman are obese, 96.7% of newborns were screened for newborn hearing, 17.9% children do not have health insurance. Ms. Wright stated the 2008 MCH funding supports staff for CSHCN, Child and Adolescent, MCH Perinatal including Systems Change and the Medical Consultant also portions of Nevada Early Intervention Service (NEIS), Community Health Nursing, Teen Health Clinic, MCH Campaign, CSHCN Dietician and MCH Epidemiology. The state applications and report can be found on the Nevada State Health Division (NSHD) website: <http://health.nv.gov>.

Ms. Wright mentioned the Abstinence Education Program ended on June 30, 2007 as Congress did not choose to renew the program but may have a chance to revisit in September 2007. Jessica Cowee transferred to the Immunization Program.

There were no suggested changes to the block grant.

The hearing closed at **10:25 a.m.**

REPORT ON CHILD CARE HEALTH CONSULTANTS TRAINING AND FUTURE PLANS

Jo Malay reviewed the history of Child Care Health Consultants (CCHC) highlighting development and health and safety issues in facilities. Ms. Malay listed increasing health and safety in child cares, provide resources to increase the medical home, provide immunization resources and early screening as her goals. Ms. Malay stated interest in comparison of outlying states and incorporation of CCHC in Nevada. Ms. Malay mentioned a workgroup subcommittee through ECCS which will meet to discuss development in Nevada on July 18, 2007 partnering with numerous Nevada businesses related to child care. Ms. Malay mentioned Health Child Care in Nevada as the temporary name until permanently naming the program to better suite the program. Margie Frazen-Weiss mentioned coordination of efforts with child care providers, through parenting and through the FRCs. She stated developing a position for a child care advocate which would be modeled after the state of California. Ms. Frazen-Weiss invited all to attend the August 18, 2007 meeting who are interested in child care, medical home, access to insurance and CCHC.

BOARD DISCUSSION OF FETAL INFANT MORTALITY REVIEW (FIMR) AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTIONS SUCH AS ESTABLISHING A SUBCOMMITTEE

Ms. Wright reviewed implementation of Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR). She asked for suggestions on how to incorporate in the state of Nevada. Ms. Wright stated Nevada does not support Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring Systems (PRAMS). Ms. Kling mentioned her interest in incorporating FIMR statewide. She spoke about sending a staff nurse to attend the National FIMR conference to collect information regarding implementing FIMR in Nevada. Ms. Kling suggested regrouping to discuss materials and information from conference. Ms. Kling mentioned physician paper regarding FIMR be written by Melissa Krall and the Maternal Child Health Coalition of Northern Nevada (MCHCNN). Senator Carlton requested information on the goals and tasks to present to representatives from other states to help implement FIMR by August 2007. Dr. McGaw asked for an update to be placed on the agenda for next meeting.

BOARD DISCUSSION OF NEWBORN SCREENING AND THE PROPOSAL TO ADD CYSTIC FIBROSIS TO THE SCREENING PANEL. POSSIBLE BOARD APPROVAL AND SUPPORT

Ms. Wright reviewed the process of adding Cystic Fibrosis (CF) to the Newborn Screening (NBS) panel. She mentioned a possible fee increase to add CF to the panel which would have to be approved by the Board of Health (BOH). Ms. Wright stated children who are diagnosed at NBS start treatment earlier than children who are diagnosed when symptoms occur. Dr. McGaw mentioned screening for pregnant mothers for CF which is available by their OB/GYNs for an added fee. He reviewed a letter received from the March of Dimes (MOD) suggesting adding CF to the NBS panel. Ms. Wright explained the fee increase procedure. Dr. Neyland motioned to add screening for CF to NBS, seconded by Ms. Kling. **MOTION APPROVED** Abstention by Senator Carlton, as she is requesting more information on the process of adding CF to the NBS panel.

REPORT ON LEGISLATURE AND BILLS OF INTEREST TO MCH

Ms. Wright reviewed Assembly Bill (AB) 629 which will create 25 Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) clinics, 12 in Clark County, 10 in Washoe County and 3 additional genetics clinics. She stated an autism pilot will begin at the end of July in Elko which begins the goal to have every 18 month old baby in the state screened for autism. Forms will be distributed to Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program, pediatricians, family physicians, and Early Head Start programs. Ms. Wright reviewed budgeted outreach for Nevada Check Up and Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT), Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) testing required by physicians during prenatal care and/or infant testing, and mandated vaccine for cervical cancer.

STAFF REPORTS AND BOARD DISCUSSION

Ms. Wright reviewed letter received from Dr. Ira Chasnoff regarding Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Clinical training in Nevada. She stated Dr. Chasnoff has completed training in 3 surrounding states and is interested in writing a grant for two other states including Nevada. Ms. Wright suggested PSAP to write a letter of support. Ms. Wright mentioned Randy Figurski is heading the Autism project, and will be working with two others through the screening program for client contact and follow-up. Ms. Wright mentioned the Primary Care Development Center (PCDC) manager position is underway, Recruitment and Retention is being worked on and the J-1 Visa participants are up to 11 for the year. Ms. Wright suggested reviewing the PCDC website for updates. She stated WIC is waiting on United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) decision on Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) and working to establish another WIC site in the south.

ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Dr. McGaw opened floor for nominations for Chairperson. T.J. Rosenberg nominated Dr. Neyland seconded by Ms. Kling. Dr. Neyland accepted nomination for Chairperson. **MOTION APPROVED**

Ms. Kling nominated Raquel Knecht for Vice-Chairperson seconded by Dr. Neyland. Ms. Knecht accepted nomination for Vice-Chairperson. **MOTION APPROVED**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Wright stated next videoconference meeting on September 14, 2007. Dr. McGaw suggested the expansion on PSAP in certain key areas per Muriel Kronowitz for an added agenda item.

Meeting adjourned at **12:05 p.m.**